

## THE LAOUEDE BLADE.

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### TOPICS OF THE DAY.

**One Important Omission.**  
A Missouri doctor pronounces a steady diet of onions and whisky a sure cure of malaria. He neglects to state what becomes of the patient.

**A Sweet Young Thing.**  
The latest fad in trusts is a combination of manufacturers of candy with a capital of \$500,000. This is a case of lengthened sweetness long drawn out sure enough. But will it stick?

**When Trust Meets Trust.**  
It will be interesting to observe the harvester and the thrasher trust dicker over the price at which machines must be sold.

**Once Was Enough.**  
Rev. C. M. Sheldon, of Topeka, who has refused the middle-of-the-road populist nomination for congressman-at-large, did not have to ask himself the question, "What would Jesus do?"

**Chinese Implements of War.**  
An ancient boxer outbreak in China is announced. The insurgents are armed with 10,000 yellow dragon banners, 5,000 gongs, 3,000 bamboo poles, some thousands of feather dusters, large red fans, pasteboard faces and other Chinese implements of war.

**Favorite of the Navy.**  
A general cheer will go up at the announcement that the battleship Oregon is ready for duty again. The country has not felt quite safe from hostile invasion since those rocks in the oriental seas tore nasty holes in the bottom of the ship that made the memorable voyage around Cape Horn.

**Not a Good Year.**  
The profits of one of the firms which is to be included in the packing house trust were only \$8,000,000 last year. But it will be remembered that the cattle and hogs were scarce, and that the supply of meat was considerably abridged by reason of the high prices which the packers were forced to ask for their products.

**From Poverty to Affluence.**  
It was only a few years ago that Mr. Cleveland came very near taking the half of the Central Pacific Railway company's debt due the United States as a settlement for the whole, so discouraging were the prospects of the corporation. Now the same company is reported to be preparing to construct a tunnel seven miles long through a mountain to save a considerable distance and heavy grades at a cost of \$14,000,000.

**Where Lurks Disease.**  
Recent investigations point to the conclusion that one of the causes of cancer is improper food and drink, says Leslie's Weekly. That cancer of the lips and mouth are caused by excessive smoking is now a fact established by the case of Gen. Grant and others, and it has been intimated that cancer microbes have been found in certain vile smelling foreign cheeses, for which some fashionable people profess to have a great liking.

**More Than Royal Splendor.**  
More than royal splendor is to greet President Roosevelt when he enters the apartments provided for him at St. Louis. Everything in the six rooms at his disposal will be new. As he walks into the private corridor that approaches them he will behold a Japanese urn that cost \$1,500; he will step upon a white and green carpet worth at least half as much. When he retires he will turn down a \$350 lace bedspread, and when he dines it will be on the rarest French china.

**"The Sport of Kings."**  
It costs the devotees of the turf \$50,000,000 to witness horse racing in America each year, more than half as much as was voted by congress for the prosecution of the war with Spain. This vast amount comes out of the pockets of the public that it may witness a lot of thoroughbreds chase one another around the various tracks of the country in contests of speed. In Illinois alone, nearly \$3,500,000 is spent during the racing season, from April 15 to November 15.

**How Oklahoma Was Named.**  
There has been a prolonged discussion since the opening of Oklahoma, 13 years ago, as to whom the credit is due for naming the territory. In looking over the federal treaties with the Indians, United States Attorney Speed discovered that in President Andrew Johnson's treaty in 1866 with the Chickasaws and Choctaws, in providing territorial form of government for the Indians, the superintendent of Indian affairs was named as the head of the territorial government, with the title of governor of Oklahoma.

**Must Be a Mistake.**  
Grand Duke Boris retired from a Newport dining hall in a huff because the soup was served to the hostess before being ladled out to him. Five others of the guests left in his wake. Perish the thought! Only five persons in whose veins courses blood of sufficient blueness to cause them to rise in offended dignity and walk with "me too," air at the angry coat-tails of an irate duke. Only five people who do not know when the soup should reach the duke or the duke should reach the soup?

**"A True Child of Nature."**  
Age cannot wither nor custom stale the frank simplicity of that picturesque son of the primitive west, Buffalo Bill. Civilization has put no reneer of hypocrisy upon that frank nature. Chatting with an interviewer the other day, the last of the great scouts said: "I am more sought after than any other man in the country. I attract more notice than the president of the United States and one thing is certain that the people are more anxious to talk to me than they would be to Roosevelt."

## HAD TO TURN BACK.

Roosevelt's Western Trip Suddenly Terminated at Indianapolis.

Wounded Knee Forced Him to Undergo an Operation and Surgeons Decried That He Must Return to Washington and Rest.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt was forced to abandon the remainder of his trip to the northwest and to undergo a surgical operation. The accident which befell him at Pittsfield, Mass., when a trolley car crashed into his carriage, is responsible for the sudden ending of the president's trip and his being compelled to undergo the operation. In that accident his knee was badly bruised and an abscess soon formed which gave him some trouble, but not enough at first to interfere with his plans. The hardships of his present trip, however, aggravated the trouble and Dr. Lung, his official physician, and Dr. Richardson, who accompanied him on the trip, decided that an operation was necessary and that it should be performed at once. This decision was advanced before luncheon, but was not allowed to interfere with the meal.

The announcement came as a thunder clap out of a clear sky. The president is in such good health otherwise that it was hard to believe he was about to submit to an operation. He had delivered an address earlier in the day before the Spanish-American war veterans and also had addressed the citizens of the Columbia club. He was the picture of health and many comments were made during the early part of the trip upon how well he looked. It was noticed, however, that he walked with a slight limp.

The president was driven from the club house to St. Vincent hospital, where he was taken to a private operating room. He was accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou, Assistant Secretaries Lobb and Barnes, Gov. Durbin and Senators Beveridge and Fairbanks. It was about 4:15 o'clock when the doctors began the operation. It was performed by Dr. John Oliver, assisted by Dr. Henry Jameson and Dr. Cook. The operation was finished and the president was removed to his room. He did not take anesthetics. The president was cheerful. The hospital was guarded by a detachment of 20 soldiers, all of whom served in the Spanish-American war under command of Col. Russell B. Harrison. Col. Harrison was instructed to arrange with the sisters in charge of the hospital that no information as to the president's condition be given out by telephone. All news was to come through Secretary Cortelyou. As the news spread throughout the city the telephone lines were kept busy, but the same answer was returned to all that nothing could be told over the telephone.

At the conclusion of the operation the physicians authorized the following statement: "As a result of the traumatic (bruise) received in the trolley accident at Pittsfield, Mass., there was found to be a circumscribed collection of perfectly pure serum in the middle third of the left anterior tibial region, the sac containing about two ounces, which was removed. The indications are that the president should make speedy recovery. It is absolutely imperative, however, that he should remain quiet and refrain from using the leg. The trouble is not serious, but temporarily disabling."

At 7:45 the president, accompanied by members of his immediate party and escorted by a company of infantry, was carried on a stretcher from St. Vincent's hospital to his car and the train left a few minutes later for Washington. Mrs. Roosevelt hastens to Washington. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 24.—The first news of the indisposition of President Roosevelt bulletined here came as a rumor from New York. Shortly afterwards the president's office in the bank building received the statement of Secretary Cortelyou by wire and at the same time a telegram was received for Mrs. Roosevelt, assuring her there was nothing alarming about the operation. When Mrs. Roosevelt received word that the president had left Indianapolis for Washington she decided to go to Washington at once.

**Prison for St. Joseph Bank Teller.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 24.—Lea A. Gallaher, member of a wealthy family, formerly paying teller of the First national bank, pleaded guilty in United States district court to embezzling \$24,000 from the bank and was sentenced by Judge Phillips to five years in the state penitentiary.

**Will Pay \$800,000 Indian Debt.**  
Muskegoe, I. T., Sept. 24.—The United States Indian agent has advised the public that the public debt of the Cherokee nation, to begin on October 1, 1902. Eight hundred thousand dollars of the Cherokee general fund and school fund warrants will be paid.

**Explosion of Engine Killed Two.**  
Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 24.—The locomotive of a freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande road exploded three-quarters of a mile from Monument, on the divide. Engineer Andrews, of Denver, and Fireman Philburn, of Pueblo, were killed. The engines were terribly mutilated.

**More Cape Rebels to Be Released.**  
Cape Town, Sept. 24.—The first report of the royal commission on the effects of martial law in South Africa recommends the immediate release of 115 prisoners.

**He Saw the Prophet Killed.**  
Carthage, Ill., Sept. 24.—Miss B. Mann is dead here. He was 89 years old. He was the partner of Frank B. Morrell, who was killed by the Mormons in 1845. Mann witnessed the killing of Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, in 1844.

**Coaches in the Ditch.**  
Nelson, Neb., Sept. 24.—Two coaches attached to the rear of a Burlington mixed train were ditched near here last night and ten passengers were more or less injured, although some were fatally hurt.

## MILITIA IN CONTROL.

Troops are Encamped in Five of the Anthracite Coal Producing Counties in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—Of the ten anthracite coal-producing counties of Pennsylvania, state troops are camped in five. Despite the presence of the troops in these districts rioting and general lawlessness continues in the entire hard coal territory from Forest City, Susquehanna county, on the north, to Williamsport, Dauphin county, on the south, a distance of more than 100 miles. The section of Forest City, which has been comparatively quiet ever since the strike began, was greatly wrought up by crowds of strikers interfering with and beating men who had returned to work, and as a result Sheriff Macy, of Susquehanna county, asked Gov. Stone for troops to assist him and other civil authorities to preserve the peace.

At present there are four full regiments, two companies of another and two troops of cavalry in the field. If the disorder continues Gov. Stone will be compelled to call out additional soldiers. While there has been no big general riot, the disturbances have been of such a serious nature as to cause the authorities much apprehension. Every effort is being made by the sheriffs of the several counties affected and the troops to prevent disturbances from growing to such an extent as to cause bloodshed. Reports are coming in from every section of non-union men and others being either shot or clubbed. Houses of workmen have been burned or dynamited and attempts have been made to hold up coal trains or derail them. Coal is being shipped from many parts of the coal fields to market, but compared with the normal output the quantity is insignificant. The output for this week will be considerably less than the average normal production of one day, which is about 300,000 tons.

### IN WASHINGTON AGAIN.

President Roosevelt's Train Reached Washington Yesterday Evening and He Was Carried to Temporary White House.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The president's train arrived in Washington at 8:30 p. m. The president stood the long journey from Indianapolis remarkably well and was feeling in excellent spirits when he arrived in Washington. He was taken to his carriage from the car in a wheel chair and, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, he was driven to the temporary white house, where he will remain during his stay in the city.

Arrangements were made at once for dressing the president's wound and for other attention necessary after his long railroad journey. The present expectation is that after ten days or more of rest the president will be himself again. During that time it will be necessary for him to keep in bed or on a couch in a reclining position so as to give the injured leg complete rest. The wound is in splendid condition now and should heal rapidly. There is an accumulation of business demanding the president's attention and he will be able to dispose of much of it without serious personal inconvenience. Mr. Roosevelt expects to view the parade of the Grand Army, but it is not yet known whether he will remain here during the entire interval between now and then.

### WHAT OF THEIR FUTURE?

National Insurance Convention Discusses Status of Fraternity Societies and Cost of Management.

Columbus, O., Sept. 25.—At the national insurance convention here Wednesday the committee on laws and legislation reported as follows: "The condition of insurance companies has at heart is today more concerned over the present status and future prospects of the fraternal societies than over any other class of institutions he has under his supervision. We are told by the actuaries that the old-time companies promising \$10,000,000 must have \$2,000,000 to make them sound. We find, however, that fraternal societies promising one-half as much insurance have but one hundredth. We also know that fraternities are managed at one-twentieth of the cost of other companies."

**Col. Foster Elected Commander.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 25.—The annual convention of Spanish-American veterans came to a close after the election of Col. John Foster, of Chicago, as commander-in-chief. A resolution was unanimously passed favoring a consolidation of the Spanish-American War veterans and the Spanish War veterans.

**Glimmer to Oppose Cochran.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 25.—The republican congressional committee of the Fourth district has nominated O. M. Gilmer for congress. A vacancy had occurred by the withdrawal of M. A. Reed, the nominee of the conservatives.

**Capt. Pershing Forced to Retreat.**  
Washington, Sept. 25.—A cablegram from Gen. Chaffee to war department says that Capt. Pershing has been compelled to retreat to his base at Camp Vicars and that the Moros position is much stronger than was believed by army officers.

**Appeal to the Civilized World.**  
Amsterdam, Sept. 25.—The Boer leaders, Botha, De Wet and Delarey, have issued a manifesto appealing to the civilized world for aid for the Boers. They declare that 30,000 homes were destroyed by the British.

**Already Too Late Vacant.**  
Rome, Sept. 25.—The Vatican has instructed Mgr. Diomedeo Falconio, the recently appointed papal delegate in the United States, to proceed immediately to Washington, as it considers that post has already been too long vacant.

**Sol Temple Foretells His Bond.**  
Pond Creek, Ok., Sept. 25.—Sol Temple, the noted Oklahoma outlaw who was captured last winter in Kansas City, failed to show up here to answer to three indictments. His bond in each case was forfeited.

## WILL BE FREE TRADE.

Gov. Taft Tells Filipinos It Will Come in a Year or Two.

Delays of Congress in Granting Tariff Reduction Due to a Misconception of Real Conditions in the Islands—Catholic Church Problem.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The bureau of insular affairs has furnished to the press copies of the speech made by Gov. Taft on the occasion of the reception tendered him when he arrived in the Philippine islands. In the course of the speech Gov. Taft said: "You can be very sure that it will be only a matter of a year or two before the American duty on Philippine products will be reduced to so small a figure as to make it practically free trade. Delays in congressional action on the tariff and postponement of the time for a popular assembly are only the outgrowth of a conservatism due to a doubt on the part of many as to the real conditions in the islands; a doubt, I may say, which nothing will so quickly dispel as a quiet prosecution of agriculture and other pursuits and an avoiding of useless political agitation for the next year."

"The many questions requiring settlement between the Philippine government and the Catholic church led the president and secretary of war to direct me to visit Rome for a conference with the pope, to see if a basis of settlement might not be reached. After an audience with the pope an answer was given me agreeing generally with all the purposes stated in the instructions, which included among other things the purchase of the friars' lands by the government."

### PLEDGED TO ROOSEVELT.

New York Republicans Endorse His Administration and Promise State Support in 1904—Gov. Odell Renominated.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 25.—The state republican convention named the following ticket: For governor, B. B. Odell, Jr., of Orange; lieutenant governor, F. W. Higgins, of Cattaraugus; secretary of state, John P. O'Brien, of Clinton; treasurer, John G. Wickser, of Erie; attorney general, Henry B. Coman, of Madison; comptroller, N. B. Miller, of Cortland; engineer, E. A. Bond, of Jefferson; judge of the court of appeals, W. E. Verrier, of Monroe. The platform endorsed President Roosevelt's administration and pledges him the state's support in 1904; praises the achievements of the army in the Philippines; favors reciprocity with Cuba; declares for a protective tariff; is opposed to trusts; deplors McKinley's untimely death, and says the wants of those who took part in the great struggles of our country should be fully recognized.

### REVISION BY EXPERTS.

President Roosevelt Wants a Commission of Non-Partisans to Adjust All Differences in the Tariff.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The suggestion made by President Roosevelt in his speech at Logansport, Ind., that a commission of experts be appointed to consider probable changes in existing tariff schedules, to meet changes in conditions, is said to be in line with what the president has urged upon senators and members of congress in recent conferences. The president believes that the protective principle has been established and will never again be seriously threatened by any party in this country. He believes that changes, when they should be made, should be left to tariff experts.

### PERSISTENT SUITOR KILLED.

At Joplin, Mo., Miss Stella Liston Shot Joseph Kroter as He Was Knocking at Her Door.

Joplin, Mo., Sept. 25.—Joseph Kroter, a confectioner of this city, was shot and killed here by Miss Stella Liston, a young woman 18 years old, to whom Kroter had been paying attentions. The young woman had forbidden him to call, but he persisted, and was shot from the inside as he was knocking at her door. Miss Liston was placed in jail on the charge of murder.

**Root Didn't Mention Trusts.**  
Peoria, Ill., Sept. 25.—Elihu Root, secretary of war, was the speaker at last night's meeting of the Illinois League of Republican clubs. The Coliseum was packed to the doors and the secretary was vociferously applauded. His address was confined entirely to the recent troubles in the Philippines and Cuba and not once during the evening did he mention the tariff or the trusts.

**Schools at Every Army Post.**  
Washington, Sept. 25.—Secretary Bryan has issued an order establishing the general scheme of education and training of officers of the army. The order establishes schools at every post in the army for officers. These schools take the place of the former method of training in the officers' schools and lycums.

**He Was Killed for Interfering.**  
St. Louis, Sept. 25.—Because he sought to protect Mrs. E. G. Summers, who conducts a boarding house, from the cruelty of her husband, Oscar Fulgar, the negro porter, was shot and killed by the enraged husband.

**Ticket Pleases Roosevelt.**  
Albany, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Gov. Odell received this telegram from President Roosevelt: "Accept my heartiest congratulations for your self and your associates on the ticket just nominated."

**Former Territory Postmaster Arrested.**  
Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 25.—R. F. Burnett, formerly postmaster at Kerwin, I. T., who has been residing at La Verge, near this city, for several months past, has been placed under arrest on a charge of attempting to defraud the government while in his official capacity of postmaster.

**Hard Coal One Cent a Pound.**  
New York, Sept. 25.—Hard coal is being sold here at a cent a pound, or \$20 for a short ton. Dealers assert that they can get any price they demand if they have anthracite coal.

## "NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

Another Fugitive St. Louis Alderman Returns and Will Tell All He Knows About the Hoodlums.

St. Louis, Sept. 24.—Former Councilman Frederick G. Uthoff, who, it is said, was "bounced" out of \$45,000 of \$50,000 it is alleged he received for his vote on the Central Traction bill by R. M. Snyder, of Kansas City, has returned from Colorado to testify at Snyder's trial next Monday, and in conference with Circuit Attorney Folk. It is believed that Uthoff's return is second in importance only to the return of John K. Mueller and that revelations may render unnecessary the testimony of fugitive Charles F. Kelly, who is wanted by the state as a witness against certain millionaire bribe-givers in the city lighting bill legislation. Uthoff, it is said, received \$50,000 from Snyder for his vote for the Central Traction bill. His name was last on the council list and his vote was the deciding vote. It passed the bill which made possible the consolidation of the street car system. Later Snyder, it is said, borrowed \$45,000 from Uthoff and went to New York, whence Uthoff followed him. There Snyder induced Uthoff to sign an agreement by which he accepted \$5,000 and denied that any offer of bribery had been made.

### ODELL HAD HIS WAY.

Candidate of Senator Platt for Lieutenant Governor of New York Was Forced to Quit the Race.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 24.—After one of the most exciting episodes in the history of New York politics, George R. Sheldon was forced to retire from the race for lieutenant governor before the republican convention. This announcement was made at two o'clock this morning after a two-hours consultation between Gov. Odell, Senator Platt and other leaders in Platt's cottage. The fight on Sheldon was led by Lieut. Gov. Timothy L. Woodruff, but Senator Platt early in the evening declared Sheldon was in the race to stay and that he (Platt) would give Mr. Woodruff "a little lesson in politics as well as in good manners." It was then that Gov. Odell was summoned from Albany for consultation and he arrived here at ten o'clock last night on a special train. Gov. Odell insisted that Mr. Sheldon's candidacy would jeopardize the whole ticket. The governor added that he had selected Mr. Sheldon for the place and was his close personal friend, but had reached the conclusion that it was best Mr. Sheldon should retire.

### MORGAN IS INTERESTED.

King of Trust Promoters Quoted as Desiring to Defeat the Re-Election of Roosevelt in 1904.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Defeated in his efforts to prevent the New York republicans from endorsing President Roosevelt, it is now the announced determination of J. Pierpont Morgan to defeat the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt for president in 1904. If he fails to accomplish his purpose by securing the defeat of Mr. Roosevelt in the republican convention, he will try to secure the nomination by the democrats of Grover Cleveland, or some democrat of that school, and will throw him his support and that of the interests he represents. This is the plan to punish Mr. Roosevelt for his anti-trust policy.

**To Build 500-Room Hotel.**  
St. Louis, Sept. 24.—The Methodist Episcopal Epworth League union of the city has definitely decided to build a 500-room hotel in the vicinity of the world's fair. The building will be known as the Epworth League hotel. It will be a permanent structure and planned that when the world's fair is over it can be advantageously used as an Epworth league training institute.

**Dishonorable Discharge Awaits Them.**  
Topeka, Kan., Sept. 24.—Adj. Gen. Fox, of the Kansas militia, said that the members of the First regiment band of Ottawa would be dishonorably discharged from the service as soon as maneuvers at Fort Riley are over. The members of the band refused to take part in the maneuvers as directed by the state military authorities.

**Plotting to Seize Hunter.**  
South McAlester, I. T., Sept. 24.—A secret meeting of Choctaw Indians was held yesterday at Paris, Tex., the purpose being to formulate a plan to seize T. W. Hunter, who was recently defeated by Green McCurtain for governor of the Choctaw nation. The legislature meets October 1.

**Criticized Roosevelt's Trust Policy.**  
Aurora, Mo., Sept. 24.—William J. Bryan spoke here last night to a crowd of about 4,000 people. Mr. Bryan took occasion to censure President Roosevelt's trust policy and his speeches on his recent trip, saying that he had not once spoken about government by injunction.

**To Engage in Joint Debate.**  
Topeka, Kan., Sept. 24.—W. J. Bailey and W. H. Craddock, opposing nominees for governor, are to have a series of joint debates on the issues involved in this campaign. The places and dates will be fixed by their respective campaign managers.

**Democrats Indorse Labor Candidates.**  
San Francisco, Sept. 24.—Democratic conventions indorsed E. J. Livernash, of the Fourth district, and William J. Wynn, of the Fifth district, for congress. They are union labor party nominees.

**Not a Dissenting Vote.**  
Detroit, Mich., Sept. 24.—At Tuesday's session of the Spanish War Veterans' association a resolution favoring amalgamation with the Spanish-American war veterans was introduced and adopted by acclamation. Not a dissenting vote was heard.

**One American Gave \$100,000.**  
Rotterdam, Sept. 24.—Gen. Botha, the ex-Boer commander, in a speech here said he received \$100,000 in aid of the destitute Boers from Arthur White, an American, and appealed to others to follow his example.

## WAS MASSACHUSETTS KIND.

A New England Maid Who Had an Aversion for Split Initiatives and Freshmen.

He overtook her on the roadside while wandering for his health in the Berkshires. "At last," he said, "I have found a typical milkmaid of old New England. See her big sunbonnet, her dress up to her shoe tops, her plain but neat cap, and the very pail itself. It is a morning for adventure and I will speak to her."

"Fine morning this morning," he said. "I would like to help you carry the pail." There was no reply, but he felt the roughish smile that he knew was hid under the sunbonnet. So he kept on doing all the talking until they reached the lane into which she was about to turn.

"Can I go with you?" he asked. She turned and faced him. "No, sir, you may not, nor do I desire your attentions. It is bad enough to have a grown man splitting his initiatives, but when he shows his ignorance of the proper use of should and would and then caps the climax by using can for may, I think it is only my duty to tell him that the summer school is in session about ten miles from here."

**A Great System.**  
A peddler entered one of the skyscrapers and proceeded to the thirteenth story. There ill luck overtook him and he was kicked down the stairway. The noise attracted the attention of tenants on the twelfth floor, who appeared on the scene in time to accelerate the motion of the unfortunate as he passed down to the eleventh floor. Successively and numerous additions to the propelling force as he passed each floor finally landed him in the street in a state of intense excitement. As soon as he could regain his feet and breath and behold the magnificent building and the height from which he had descended with such uniform and rapid progress, he remarked: "Meant to say a system problem system is in dot putting. No elevator is needed!"—N. Y. Press.

**Frisco System—New Observation Cafe Cars.**  
In addition to through chair car and Pullman Sleeper service the Frisco system operates on its main line out of St. Louis and Kansas City very handsome Observation Cafe Cars, under management of Fred Harvey. These cars are equipped with every convenience, including large library observation room and platform; the former supplied with easy chairs, writing material, latest newspapers and periodicals, electric lights and electric fans add to the comfort of the passengers. These trains leave St. Louis and Kansas City daily via the Frisco System.

**"Taking" Matrimonial Fad.**  
Persons about to commit matrimony and victims invited to be present at affairs of the kind will be delighted to learn that a solution of the matrimonial problem has been invented in St. Paul, Minn. At a recent wedding in that city friends of the bride and groom contented themselves with handing out checks for ranging from one dollar up—mostly up. This scheme saves the bride the worry and peril of exchanging duplicate gifts, and relieves the givers of any amount of hard thinking.—Saint News-Record.

**THE NICKEL PLATE ROAD.**  
Travelers East or West will find that the rates by this line are the lowest to be had, with every facility for comfortable travel. Colored porters, uniformed, are provided, whose special duties are to assist to the wants of passengers without regard to the class of tickets held, and greatest care is given to ladies traveling alone or accompanied by children. Modern day coaches, Pullman sleeping cars and Dining car service of highest order. Meals on American plan from 35 cents to \$1.00 for each person, also a la carte service. No excess fare in any train. See that your tickets read via the Nickel Plate Road.

**Embarrassed.**  
"Was the count embarrassed when he proposed?" "I believe he was financially," replied the millionaire's daughter.—Town Topics.

**Visit the Old Home in the East.**  
Take advantage of the low rate excursion via Erie Railroad to Indiana, Ohio and Western New York and Pennsylvania points. One fare for the round trip Oct. 3rd to 6th. Return limit—Nov. 3rd. For particulars address Erie Railroad Co., Chicago, or A. W. Moore, T. P. A., Erie R. R., Kansas City, Mo.

**Dinner—"You careless fellow, you have spilled the soup on my coat."** Waiter—"Beg your pardon, sir, but it was not careless. Here is my brother's card. He is a garment cleaner."—Boston Transcript.

**One of nature's remedies; cannot harm the weakest constitution; never fails to cure summer complaints of young or old. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry.**

**"Won't you try the chicken salad, judge?" said the boarding house keeper. "I tried it yesterday, and am," replied the witty judge, "and the chicken proved an alibi."—Philadelphia Record.**

**To Cure a Cold in One Day.**  
Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

**Every man is a fortune hunter, otherwise he wouldn't be in business.**—Chicago Daily News.

**Takes the burn out; heals the wound; cures the pain.** Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, the household remedy.

**Sincerity is the secret of success.**—Ram's Horn.

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The Estey name on a Piano is its first guarantee of value. Best materials and workmanship at a moderate price. Write Estey Factory, New York City, for Catalogue of Estey Piano.

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